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SUSPENDED UN DIPLOMAT

1 A suspended deputy U.N. ambassador from the Dominican Republic has asked a U.S. judge to dismiss an indictment accusing him of participating in a bribery scheme, saying he has diplomatic immunity. A lawyer for Francis Lorenzo, 48, filed papers in federal court in Manhattan, asking U.S. District Judge Vernon Broderick to dismiss charges including bribery and money laundering facing the diplomat. He is one of six individuals facing charges in connection with an alleged scheme to pay more than $1.3 million in bribes. REUTERS

CUBA AVIATION TALKS

2 The United States hopes to conclude aviation talks with Cuba about the resumption of scheduled commercial airline flights "very, very soon," a senior U.S. State Department official said on Tuesday. The official was speaking ahead of Thursday's one-year anniversary of the United States and Cuba's agreement after 18 months of secret talks to restore diplomatic ties that Washington severed more than 50 years ago. "We do hope to achieve a successful outcome of these negotiations very, very soon. REUTERS

SPACE STATION GUEST

3 A Soyuz spacecraft carrying a Russian, an American and a Briton docked with the International Space Station on Tuesday, slightly more than six hours after blasting off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Commander Yuri Malenchenko manually controlled the approach and docking process. REUTERS

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HOLIDAY TRAINS

7 The New York Transit Museum is presenting a miniature railroad exhibition at Grand Central of trains departing from Grand Central Terminal.

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ARMORED CAR ROBBERY

4 Authorities are searching for a suit-wearing man who reportedly fled with bags of cash after a Bronx shootout stemming from an armored car robbery Tuesday. An armored car guard was loading approximately $78,000 into a vehicle on Westchester Avenue in Soundview around 11 a.m., NBC reported, when the man approached, pulled a gun and demanded money. JASON NUCKOLLS

DISNEY SHARES RISE

5 Early praise for the newest installment of "Star Wars" gave a boost to shares of Walt Disney and Electronic Arts, which recently launched a video game based on the hugely popular space opera. On Tuesday, shares of Walt Disney rose 3.75 percent while Electronic Arts, which last month released its "Star Wars Battlefront" video game after three years of development, jumped 5.26 percent.
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DELETE THE HATE

6 Germany said that Facebook, Google and Twitter have agreed to delete hate speech from their websites within 24 hours, a new step in the fight against rising online racism following the refugee crisis. The government has been trying to get social platforms to crack down on the rise in anti-foreigner comments. REUTERS

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Heat: El Niño or climate change?

Expert opinion varies on what's causing the unusually high temperatures.

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A woman sells Christmas trees with her sleeves rolled up. BESS ADLER

Warm weather across the East Coast has many speculating if the doomsday scenario promised by global warming activists is coming true.

"Global warming … that's the only thing that can explain this," Vanessa Vicorin, 20, of Queens. "It's December and yesterday was really, really hot and I don't want a dry Christmas."

"Thank God for global warming," said 50-year-old Bob, a Brooklynite who declined to give his last name, as he sat outside the Pearl Street Playground sipping a smoothie.

While the warm Pacific weather pattern known as El Niño is currently active, which could be causing the unusual temperatures, meteorologists and scientists are not entirely sure it is the only factor — or if climate change has made El Niño a stronger force than ever this year.

"There is some emerging evidence now that climate change is leading to stronger El Niños, so the fact that we are witnessing not just an El Niño event but an El Niño event of record strength could indeed be a consequence of human-caused climate change," said professor Michael Mann, director of Penn State's Earth System Science Center and author of climate science's famed "Hockey Stick Graph."

"The heat records we are seeing across the northern half of the country are likely favored in part to the unusual jet stream pattern associated with El Niño, and in part to the overall warmer warming baseline of winter temperatures due to global warming," Mann said.

But not everyone agrees.

Nelson Vaz, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Upton, N.Y., cautioned against making the link between warm afternoons and global warming.

"You can't really make a direct correlation to climate change just because of weather patterns that we see on a week-to-week basis," Vaz said.

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It's much more likely New Yorkers have El Niño to thank for the winter heat, he said.

"We do go through these cycles with strong El Niños. This has happened in the past and we'll see episodes in the future," he said. "So in terms of making a correlation [to climate change], it's just tough to do."

Ellen Mecray, northeast regional climate services director for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, meanwhile, said climate change should also be part of the warm weather conversation this month.

"My short answer would be both," Mecray said, when asked whether El Niño was causing the warm weather. "We've got a fairly typical El Niño fall from what we've seen, and so far we're seeing a pretty mild start to the winter season. But I think it's that, combined with the fact that we have some of the warmest ocean conditions we've seen."

Benjamin Horton, a professor at Rutgers University, said El Niño might not be the cause, but that "waviness" in the jetstream could be responsible for climate shifts like from a cold snowy winter in 2014 to a warm on in 2015.

"It's been the case for the past few years that the jetstream has a very wavy pattern. It's normally very straight," Horton said.

These jetstream changes pushed colder air south in 2014, and in 2015 they seem to be forcing warm air up the East Coast, Horton said.

"What the driver is for the wavy nature of the jetstream is unknown and debatable. Some people would say its a normal variability; other people would say that its related to changes in Arctic sea ice," Horton said. "The answer is unknown."

Bratton: L.A. overreacted to threat

NYPD commissioner said a similar email threatening schools here was not credible.

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After an alleged terror threat shut down Los Angeles schools, NYPD top cop Bill Bratton said a similar threat here at "almost exactly the same time" was deemed a hoax and that L.A. overreacted by shuttering more than 1,000 public schools.

The emailed threat, which authorities said was "routed through Germany" but likely local in origin, came less than two weeks after a married couple inspired by the Islamic State killed 14 people and wounded 22 others at a county office building in San Bernardino, just 60 miles away.

"L.A. is a huge school system," said Bratton, who had served as police chief in Los Angeles. "To disrupt the daily schedules of half a million school children, their parents, day care, buses based on an anonymous email. ... I think it was a significant overreaction."

Los Angeles Police Chief Beck said it was "irresponsible" to criticize the decision in the aftermath San Bernardino attack.

L.A. Schools chief Ramon Cortines defended his choice.

"Based on past circumstance, I could not take the chance," Cortines said at a news conference.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti said he backed the decision by Cortines.

Beck said the email mentioned assault rifles and machine pistols and implied the use of explosives. He said officers would search all of the district's campuses.

"I think it was a significant overreaction."
Bratton

But the unprecedented move at the second-largest public school system in the United States left some 643,000 students and their families scrambling to make last-minute alternate arrangements and drew wide criticism.

Congressman Brad Sherman, a Democrat from California, told CNN the person who sent the email claimed to be an extremist Muslim, but said the text of the message gave reason to doubt that.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio also cited word choices in the note as a reason that city considered the threat a likely hoax, saying that the avowed Muslim who wrote it failed to capitalize "Allah."

Cortines, in defending his decision to take such a dramatic step, said the threat stood out from most that the district received in its seriousness and scope, referencing multiple campuses and mentioning backpacks and other packages.

"It is very easy for people to jump to conclusions, and I have been around long enough to know that usually what people think in the first few hours is not what plays out in later hours," Garcetti said. "But decisions have to be made in a matter of minutes."

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Howard Stern's wife gets down with dogs

Beth Ostrosky Stern, wife of radio personality Howard Stern, got down on all fours Monday night to pose with some furry friends on the red carpet for the Long Island Bulldog Rescue bash at the Kimmel Center at the Rosenthal Pavilion on Washington Square South."My husband and I had a bulldog for nine-and-a-half years. Bianca passed away a couple years ago. All of my rescue work has been in honor of Bianca," said Stern, who has been volunteering with the organization for about a decade. Laurette Richin, executive director of Long Island Bulldog Rescue, said the organization raised about $68,000 Monday night. **IRIS ZIMMERMAN**

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Shakeup at Homeless Services
The embattled head of the city's Department of Homeless Services, Commissioner Gilbert Taylor, will be leaving his post at the end of the year, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Tuesday.

The news came buried in an announcement about a "comprehensive review" of the city's homeless service agencies and programs.

Taylor's exit came as the de Blasio administration continues to confront vociferous criticism over New York's burgeoning homeless population.

While Taylor lamented in a press statement that "there is never a good time to leave a position such as this one," he nonetheless is glad to have served the public.

"I feel good about how far I have been able to advance the work of this agency," Gilbert said, "and [am] committed to working with this administration to assist with this transition."

The Coalition for the Homeless said that the city's municipal shelter population "is now 86 percent higher than it was 10 years ago" and that nearly 60,000 people live in the shelter system.

That same organization reported that "thousands" of others live on the street with "a large majority ... living with mental illness or other severe health problems."

Announcing the shakeup, de Blasio said Taylor will continue to serve the city in an advisory role.

The city said the DHS review "will begin immediately" and be led by Human Resources Adminstration Commissioner Steve Banks and First Deputy Mayor Anthony Shorris.

Banks will oversee both the Department of Homeless Services along with his current post starting in January.

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Five of the top-10 emerging neighborhoods are in Queens, StreetEasy reported.

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Jamaica, Queens, tops the list of next year's most in-demand neighborhoods, according to a new report.

Although rents will grow at a slower pace next year, predictions indicate that the increase will outpace the city's income growth, stated a new study from StreetEasy, which added that several hot Queens neighborhoods are becoming increasingly appealing as renters leave pricier Manhattan and Brooklyn.

"Hot" neighborhoods are determined based on changes in sales prices and rent prices, recent population growth and annual change in StreetEasy page views per listing. Five of the top-10 hot neighborhoods are in Queens, according to StreetEasy, and Jamaica tops the list, with Queens' Jamaica Estates and Woodside both in the top five.

"Jamaica's rise comes from a number of favorable factors, including a healthy growth in population, strong growth in interest among buyers and renters, comparatively low prices and convenient access to the New York City subway," Alan Lightfeldt, StreetEasy data scientist, said in the report.

The report also claimed that more and more residents are looking deeper into Upper Manhattan for an affordable place to live.

"Upper Manhattan's moment has arrived. Homebuyers seeking value in Manhattan are increasingly starting their search above 110th Street," Lightfeldt said. "Lack of affordable options means many New Yorkers will choose to double or even triple up in smaller units, further compounding the city's overcrowding problem in 2016."

Greater Queens will take on residents pushed from Manhattan and Brooklyn, but there is a pull factor as well.

"Lower prices, easy access to large job centers in Midtown and Long Island City and more living space will pull more New York buyers and renters toward Queens in 2016," Lightfeldt concluded.

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Baltimore jury deadlocked in police officer's trial

Judge Williams ordered the jury to keep trying to reach a verdict. It was not immediately clear how the panel was deadlocked.

An activist holds a poster outside Baltimore City Circuit Courthouse East during the trial of police Officer William G. Porter on Tuesday in Baltimore. GETTY IMAGES

A jury is deadlocked in the trial of police officer William Porter, charged in the death of black detainee Freddie Gray, Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams said on Tuesday.

Williams said he had received a note from the jury of seven women and five men after it had weighed the fate of Officer William Porter, 26, for almost 10 hours.

Porter is charged with involuntary manslaughter and other charges in Gray's death from a broken neck sustained in the back of a police van. Gray's death in April triggered protests and rioting and intensified a U.S. debate on police treatment of minorities.

The jury of seven women and five men started deliberations on Monday. Williams earlier on Tuesday had rejected a request by defense lawyer Gary Proctor to declare a mistrial and order a change of venue.

David Jaros, an associate law professor at the University of Baltimore, said it was not surprising that the panel had been unable to reach a decision, given the complexity of the legal issues.

Jaros added that if the jury remained deadlocked, Williams could issue a so-called Allen charge, pushing them to reach a verdict.

"I have seen juries deadlocked and come back within 10 minutes, or go for days without reaching a decision."

Jaros

Proctor had asked for the trial to be moved on the grounds the city is too sensitive to the case. He cited a letter sent from the head of the city's public schools to students, staff and parents on Monday warning that violence and walkouts would not be tolerated after a verdict. REUTERS

Seattle tour operator in deadly crash broke safety laws: State

The operator of a fleet of amphibious tour buses involved in a crash in Seattle that left five dead violated safety regulations 442 times and could face penalties of as much as $1,000 per infraction, Washington state authorities said on Tuesday.

The Sept. 24 collision of a Ride the Ducks vehicle with a charter bus carrying foreign students on Seattle's Aurora Bridge increased scrutiny of the duck boats, which have been involved in a number of deadly crashes in recent years.

During a post-crash investigation into the vehicle maintenance and safety practices of Ride the Ducks of Seattle LLC, state transportation safety officials found 442 violations of motor carrier safety rules or laws, the Utilities and Transportation Commission said in a statement.

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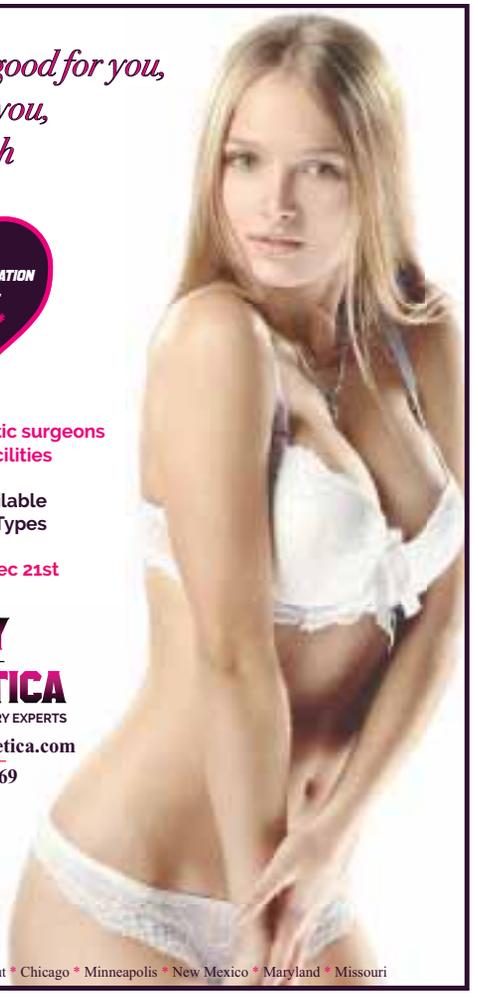

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Russia, US clear way for Syria meeting after Kerry, Moscow talks

In Tuesday's talks, the two sides did not focus on their differences or what could or could not be done immediately about Assad, said Kerry, but on the political process.

Russia and the United States see enough common ground on Syria for world powers to meet on the troubled country's peace process in New York on Friday, but views on the future of President Bashar-al Assad still diverge.

Secretary of State John Kerry went into meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Tuesday not knowing whether Moscow would veto a third round of international talks on Syria on Friday after the Kremlin spoke of preconditions needing to be met.

But speaking afterwards, he said the talks would definitely take place after the two countries agreed to try to accelerate the peace process and a potential political transition.

"We will meet this Friday, Dec. 18, in New York with the International Syrian Support Group and then ... we will pass a U.N. resolution regarding ... the next steps with respect to negotiations and hopefully a ceasefire," said Kerry.

He said the two sides had found some common ground, while agreeing to put their differences to one side for now.

Lavrov confirmed Russia now backed the meeting.

"Despite our countries' differences, we have demonstrated that when the United States and Russia pull together in the same direction, progress can be made," Lavrov told a news conference.

Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) shakes hands with Secretary of State John Kerry during a meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

"We reached some common ground today in agreement with respect to the complexity of this issue of terrorist groups."

Kerry

He called the talks with Kerry "substantive," saying the two countries were now moving in the same direction on Syria.

Russia, one of Assad's staunchest allies, has launched a campaign of air strikes it says are aimed at Islamic State militants but which also support Assad's forces.

It has long disagreed with Washington over Assad's fate, insisting that only the Syrian people, and not external powers, should determine his future. The United States believes Assad must step down as part of any transition.

Kerry said the transition period in Syria — according to the 2012 Geneva agreement — would be about six months.

Some progress was made when it came to agreeing which Syrian rebel groups should be regarded as terrorist organisations and which should take part in the peace process, he said. REUTERS

BRIEF

Iran's October missile test violated UN ban: Expert panel

The medium-range Emad rocket that Iran tested in October was a ballistic missile capable of delivering a nuclear warhead, which makes it a violation of a U.N. Security Council resolution, a team of sanctions monitors said in a confidential new report.

The conclusion of the council's Panel of Experts on Iran will likely lead to calls for expanding sanctions against Tehran in Washington and some other Western capitals. The White House said on Tuesday that it would not rule out additional steps against Tehran over the missile test.

"On the basis of its analysis and findings the Panel concludes that Emad launch is a violation by Iran of paragraph 9 of Security Council resolution 1929," the panel said in its report.

Reuters on Tuesday reviewed the 10-page report, which was dated Dec. 11 and went to members of the United Nations Security Council's Iran sanctions committee in recent days. The report is expected to come up later on Tuesday when the 15-nation council discusses the Iran sanctions regime. REUTERS

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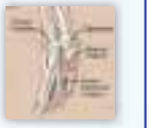

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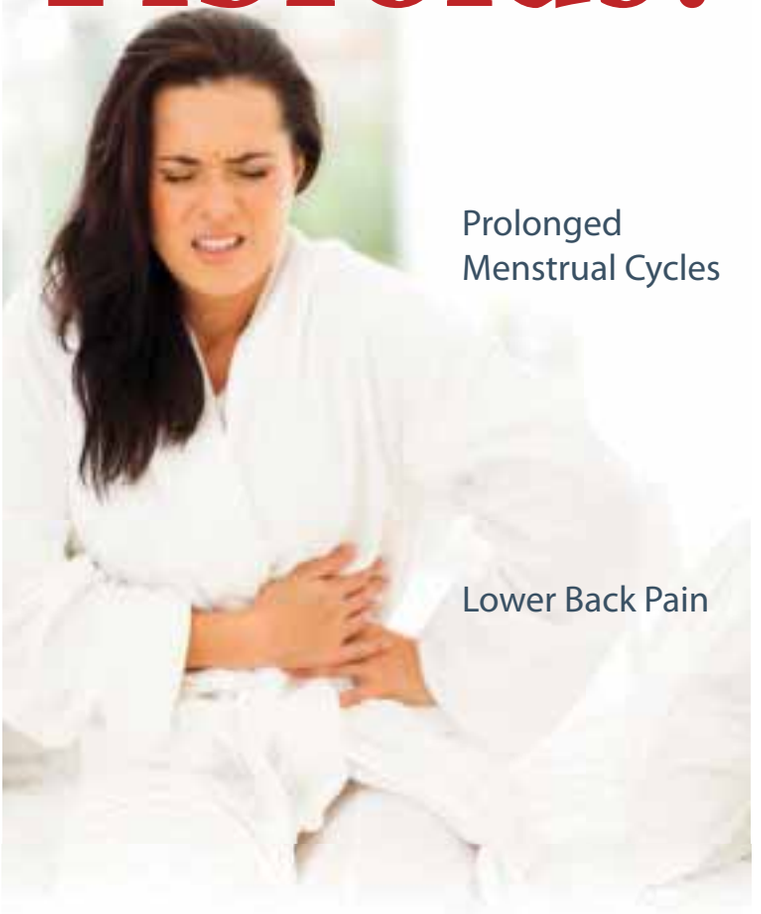

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Knee Arthritis Pain: The Untold Story

Why patients come from all over the country for this knee arthritis pain treatment and why waiting drastically decreases your chance to live a pain free life again

OsteoRelief Institute is a medical clinic with multiple locations in New York City that has treated thousands of knee arthritis patients.
Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. And why waiting drastically decreases your chances to live a pain free life again.

The information you are about to read can possibly save you from years and years of agonizing knee pain.
It might even keep you from getting total knee replacement surgery.
Please pay careful attention.
What you are about to read is a cutting-edge medical treatment... but it is NOT what it appears to be at first glance.
In fact, I'm going to have to ask for a bit of patience from you if you have already ***unsuccessfully*** tried any (or many) other knee arthritis pain treatments.
You see, many knee arthritis sufferers had already tried the treatment we are going to talk about and did not get the results they wanted. But I assure you there is something VERY DIFFERENT about the technology and the way we do this treatment that makes it much different.
And often gets results when many others have failed.
This is why patients come from all over the tri-state area

Pharmaceutical companies (with the help of scientists) can now make synovial fluid-like compounds that... during viscosupplementaiton treatments... doctors precisely inject directly into the knee joint. This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results CanBe Expected?
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But There Is A BIG Problem
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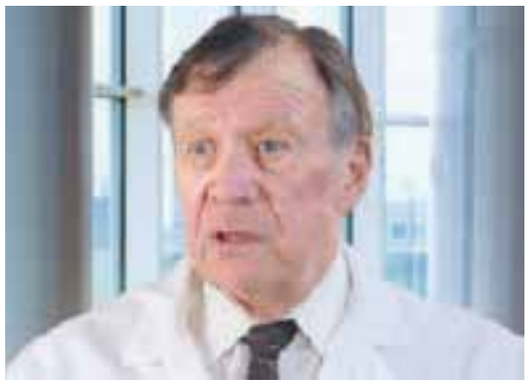

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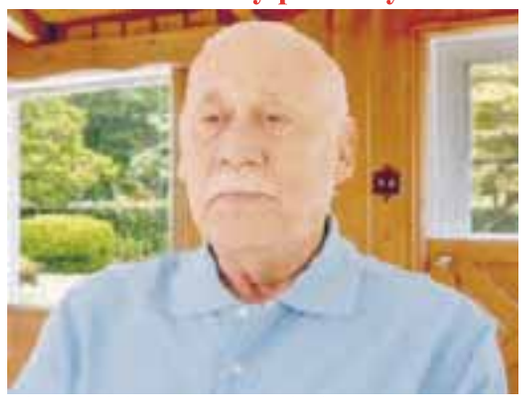

After I had the treatments... the last tuneup... I just

"Hey this feels terrific"

I was diagnoses bone on bone about 2 years ago I went to see an Orthopedic Surgeon and he said my knees were shot and I need to get them replaced. OsteoRelief said after looking at x-rays they could help. **That procedure is so basic so simple so quick in 15 minutes you are in and out**. I did both legs at once which is great. When I got up out of the chair I stood up and I said, ***"Hey this feels terrific."***

"I feel like a new woman - It's amazing."

and beyond to have their knee arthritis pain treated here.

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If you want instant proof - you can just look at all all the actual patient testimonials we have included. These patients were once skeptical just like you... and are now either pain free... or eliminated quite a bit of their pain.

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But we do get one very common complaint.

And it is: "I wish I started this treatment much sooner."

Let's be very clear about this.

Time is the most precious thing. There is no way to slow it down - or get any back once it is gone. All the more reason for you to not suffer even one more second than you have to. Missing life suffering in pain is a tragedy. It's time for you to get rid of your knee pan and start living the life you want and deserve.

And please understand this: One of the keys to success in medicine is early diagnosis and treatment. Like many diseases, arthritis only gets worse over time. The longer you wait - the more damage to your knee and the more pain you will be in. If you wait too long, the entire knee joint will be degenerated and your ONLY option will be total knee replacement.

If you are suffering with knee arthritis pain, here is why you should act RIGHT NOW: When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubricating fluids in your knee. In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up." The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid."

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If you had viscosupplementation without this special digital imaging without good results - this may be why.

That's why OsteoRelief Institute even takes it one step further. They do not just use one form of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different brands and chemical make-ups.

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What To Do Next If You Are In Pain: *Special Your Invitation*

OsteoRelief Institute offers a limited number of complimentary knee arthritis treatment screenings every month. These screenings are a way for knee arthritis sufferers to get some of their questions answered and see if they are a candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at OsteoRelief Institute. For a complimentary screening, just call 800-227-KNEE. The screenings fill up fast every month. This screening is no cost and there is no further obligation. Call 800-227-KNEE to schedule your screening. Many of the treatments offered at OsteoRelief Institute are covered by many insurance plans and Medicare. Call 800-227-5633 to schedule your screening.

go right to the golf course. I'm able to keep up with these guys who walk - I'm right next to them! My guys on the golf course would say Hey, look at this he doesn't need us to put the ball up any more.

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"I feel like a new woman"

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"I am ecstatic with the results of this procedure"

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"They use small computers that fit into everyday objects, like light and temperature sensors," says professor Greg Shakar, who leads the class and will emcee the concert.

Items that can be found in your house, like tuning forks and radios, can all be repurposed into instruments like the Copper Urchin, a spikey copper ball that could be played by stroking its "sensory whiskers." Or a simple-looking structure of four metal rods that produce sound and change rhythm and timbre based on how they're bent.

New Interfaces for Musical Expressions PROVIDED

"One uses transistor radios [at Wednesday's show]," says Jason Sigal, a creative tech at NYU working on the show, "so it will be like a live radio broadcast."

The music is also composed by the students, at the same time as they are inventing their instruments. "It happens together; it's what makes for effective performances," says Shakar. "You learn what your instrument can do, and that in turn decides what the music is."

While some of the performers have musical backgrounds, others have never been on a stage before. "The majority would probably say they are non-musicians," says T.K. Broderick, another tech who is helping with the show. "Those are the people that I encourage to take the course. It helps to reimagine music and how live music can be more accessible." AMANDA VALENTOVIC

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Diane Kruger and Norman Reedus think you can't see them making out

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Diane Kruger is apparently a really, really big "Walking Dead" fan. The "Inglourious Basterds" star was recently spotted trying to go incognito with fan favorite Norman Reedus at the East Village's 12th Street Alehouse, but that turned out to be a rather foolish plan. "They were both dressed very casually. Norman was wearing a hat, and Diane had barely any makeup on," an eyewitness tells Radar Online. "They ordered whiskey and immediately walked hand-in-hand to a table in the back corner."

And it's in that back corner where things got, shall we say, interesting as the pair tore into a "high school makeout session," according to the source. "They were on top of each other. Every time I looked over, she was on him or he was on her. They clearly thought they were incognito. They thought no one could possibly recognize them in that hole in the wall." Turns out they were wrong. You know who'd probably be curious to hear more about this? Kruger's boyfriend of nine years, Joshua Jackson. This won't be awkward at all.

Jennifer Lawrence not down with 'Hunger Games' prequels

Lionsgate recently announced plans to develop some prequels to the "Hunger Games" franchise — because they like making money, no surprise there. But they were probably banking on at least a little support from series star Jennifer Lawrence, even if she wouldn't necessarily take part in them. Well, they really should have checked with her first. "That can't be true. It's too soon," she tells E! News when confronted with the development. "Screw that. No, way too soon. No support. I think it's too soon. The body's not even cold yet." I wonder if she thinks it's too soon.

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If Woody Allen did Star Wars

Just a couple more days until "The Force Awakens" is here. Can you tell we're a bit "Star Wars"-obsessed this week? Well, we're not alone. The editing wizards at Vulture have put together this peek at what "Star Wars" would look like if it had been written and directed by another '70s film wunderkind, Woody Allen. Naturally, the hero is not so much Luke Skywalker as worrisome, nebbishy droid C-3PO. And you know what? Those terrible prequel and special edition effects don't look so bad in black and white and set to Gershwin.

Ruby Rose is back on the market

"Orange Is the New Black" star Ruby Rose and designer Phoebe Dahl have called off their engagement, Rose announced via Twitter and Facebook. On the bright side, it at least appears to be completely amicable. "Phoebe remains very dear to my heart," Rose posted on Facebook. "They say, 'It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.' I'm lucky to have had the chance to love her." Well, I mean "they" didn't say it. Alfred Lord Tennyson said it, if we're being accurate about things. But she's going through a rough time, so I'll let it slide. This time.

Diplo not thrilled about being the most Shazamed artist of 2015

Shazam, the app that identifies songs you don't know the name or artist of, just announced who its most-w searched for artist of the year is — and the honor goes to Diplo, who was Shazamed over 40 million times. The DJ's response to the news was a little baffling. "I guess that means no one knows my music or who the f— I am since you had to Shazam me 40 million times," he posted to Facebook. "You could have just followed me on Soundcloud, it would save you some time. Also, pic of me in 2008 when I was popping in shiny suits. But no seriously thanks." Somebody's a bit touchy this morning. EMILY LAURENCE

@kirstiealley
Good morning time benders!!! Blah blah blah

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Bill Cosby can't tour anymore. Can't work. Can't do anything except sit with enraged Camille. Let's hope he lives a long long time.

@thandienewton
Wooaahhh all these FUR pom pommed beanies on heads in London are making me feel queasy

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So addicted to sugar RN

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Only thing I didn't like in #StarWarsForceAwakens was Abba's "Super Trouper" on the soundtrack whenever there were stormtroopers.

@rosemcgowan
Everyone has their blocks. I don't like fake bears that talk. I cannot suspend disbelief for a childhood delight.

We hope everything's OK with Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which finally comes out Dec. 18. LUCASFILM

The pre-'Star Wars' jitters

Since the day the new "Star Wars" film was announced, I've been thinking about what story it might tell. I've debated friends who are afraid to get excited because of their disappointment in the prequels. I've spoken out online about how Rey was missing in the toy set at Target. I've waited in line at midnight to buy an insane amount of toys. I read all the new books. I chase my cats around the house with my little BB-8 droid. I've loved every second of the anticipation. And now — it's almost here. Only a couple more days. It's surreal and frankly, a bit worrisome.

"Star Wars" had a profound effect on my childhood. Millions of you could say the same. I wasn't the only little girl who was delighted to see a female character who kicked ass. I wasn't the only kid who desperately wished for a Millennium Falcon. I wasn't the only person who bitched about George Lucas changing things in the new editions. (Han shot first!) I wasn't the only one who stood in line for the prequels and left hoping I just "watched it wrong."

So here we are, right before the beginning of a new hope (sorry, but there was no way to avoid that one) for the future of our beloved franchise. I'll admit to being nervous. How can anything live up to this hype? Despite my words to the contrary, am I expecting too much?

In sitting here, thinking about it, I've come to the conclusion that, in the end, it doesn't matter what story we see. I mean, I want it to be amazing. I want to be blown away. I want to use all the tissues I'm bringing to the theater just in case. I want it to be good.

What I mean by "it doesn't matter" is this: The anticipation of a new Star Wars film has done something for the geek community. It's done something for the world. Sitting at a concert at Comic-Con, with 8,000 people waving lightsabers is something I never thought would happen, but it did. My better half is in China, seeing posters for the same film I am. I tweet #StarWars and I'm tweeted back in a dozen languages.

Everything else in the world has gone crazy: red-haired nutters saying horrible things about other religions, mass shootings, terrorist attacks. It's hard to watch the news. Despite that, we have "Star Wars" to bring us together. In the end, whether it's good or bad, we all have something to talk about. Something that unites us. I'm counting the hours. I'm buying more tissues. May the Force be with us all.

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Geek Girl in Hollywood

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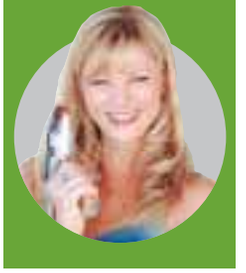

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The fashion blogger and illustrator opens up about love, style and her new book.

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Garance Dore says stick to wardrobe essentials. PROVIDED

Nearly 10 years ago, Garance Doré started a little personal blog where she would post her fashion illustrations and street-style snaps, along with her stream-of-conscious musings about la mode, la vie and l'amour.

Now, the Corsican-born photographer is a bonafide fashion powerhouse, with her own studio in New York City, a portfolio that includes campaigns for the likes of J. Crew and Chopard and a book, "Love Style Life." Here, the 40-year-old, whose real name is Mariline Fiori, talks about oversharing, her famous friends and what she hates about fashion.

Why did you pick "Love" as the first word in the title?

Firstly, because I liked how it sounded! At the beginning, I wanted to call it "Pardon my French" or something like that, but my editors told me it was a bit reductive. I always wanted to talk about love … but on the blog, it's not easy. With a book, you have the time, the distance. For me, being stylish is being a beautiful person, and a beautiful person knows how to love. "Love, Style, Life" is about a way of living.

You are called the ambassador of French style. What do you think of this title?

I'm very happy that people are saying that! I never really think of what people think of me — I'm happy if they like me, obviously. I guess I have been talking about fashion for so long, it's probably more because of my eye than my personal sense of style. I don't put myself so much on the blog, it is more about showing other people. I guess through my choices, my vision, you can see my sense of style.

You have interviewed Jenna Lyons, Emmanuelle Alt, Diane von Furstenberg and Drew Barrymore for the book. Why these women?

I didn't want the book to be me giving advice: I wanted to show that I also look up to women. When I lose my sense of style, Emmanuelle is like a compass, not necessarily because I try to imitate her, but because she is so sure of who she is. Diane von Furstenberg has traveled through time; she has seen everything and she has so much to say. She has had highs and lows and she was able to talk about that. Jenna is a very good friend — she is somebody I call when I don't know what to do. She is elegant and very modern. Drew is a great example of beauty because she has the pressure of being a celebrity, but at the same time she is really down to earth. She is so cool and relaxed about herself.

You have always talked openly about your private life, both when you were with Scott Schuman [of The Sartorialist] and now with your boyfriend, Chris Norton. Why do you choose to be open about your relationships?

I do see my readers as kind of friends, and I feel like the less mystery you make the less people will bother you or create stories. It was never a problem to share about Scott; you want to share things when you love someone. I understand where celebrities are coming from, but you know when you love a famous couple [and] they break up and they say, "The distance was too hard," and you are like "No, but really, what happened?" [Laughs] I don't explain these things per se, but I don't make them a big mystery, either.

Is there something you hate about fashion?

There is nothing that I hate — hate is a lot of energy — but obviously, the problem surrounding the lack of diversity annoys me. There is also the issue with overproduction. We are in a vicious cycle of making too many clothes that are not necessary. The [Paris Climate Conference] is happening right now, and we have a real problem of producing too much sh*t, and fashion is one of the biggest polluters. That's why in the book, I focus on my essentials. When you have a few staple pieces, you don't need a million things to look elegant.

What advice would you give to someone wanting to make it in the fashion industry?

Intern, intern, intern. Try to do a great Instagram or a great website. Right now, we are looking for a social media editor, and we are looking at Instagram accounts! Fashion is a great industry because you can really start working without diplomas.

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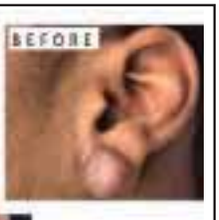

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In defense of 'Wonderful Christmastime'

Paul McCartney's dreaded holiday hit is back in play. But we think it's sort of awesome.

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Paul McCartney's "Wonderful Christmastime" was first released as a single Nov. 16, 1979. PROVIDED

It's the most wonderful time of the year: when people complain about all the speakers blaring Paul McCartney's deathless Xmas ditty "Wonderful Christmastime." (Not that they're complaining about the Shins' new cover. That version is now a Yuletide hit.). Since 1979, the song has haunted holiday airwaves, its soft synths, simple earworm melody and even simpler lyrics signaling a Pavlovian response in the world's grinches.

I used to be one of you.

Time was, for a long chunk of my life, I would break out into hives when I heard the song creep into my innocent sojourns to Rite Aid or CVS. Once I heard it for the first time in November, I knew the dreaded holidays were in full swing. I also loudly deplored solo McCartney.

Then I started, for the first time ever, really, listening to post-Beatles McCartney beyond the greatest hits. Over the last handful of years, it seems the cool kids have too. They came to the same conclusion that I, not a cool kid, did: Sir Paul's solo and even Wings stuff is far more interesting than we had been led to believe.

McCartney even gets pretty weird, if maybe not as weird as John Lennon's art records with Yoko Ono. The height of Bizarre Paul is "McCartney II," from 1980. As with 1970's "McCartney," it's a literal solo album: It was made in his remote country house, entirely by him. But this time, he'd gotten his hands on some newfangled synthesizers and had been listening to some of that New Wave the kids were on about.

Long story short: "McCartney II" and its supreme weirdness is the key to unlocking "Wonderful Christmastime." The song came from the same sessions, and if you listen to it in the context of "McCartney II" — and not as just another holiday jingle played in tandem with Lennon's respectable "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)" — it sounds less like an enforced radio staple than a transmission from one of those alternate universes you see on "Rick and Morty."

Read in this context, "Wonderful Christmastime" seems like a work of deeply personal art that accidentally became a holiday cash cow. It's the sound of someone with nothing left to prove experimenting anyway. Now that I see it that way, I kind of love it.

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The art of hygge

Winter getting you down? Take some cues from the Danes and snuggle on up.

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When it comes to winter in New York, you have two options: move as far away as possible or learn to embrace it. Can't afford a one-way ticket to the Keys? Consider adopting the concept of "hygge." A Danish word with no direct English translation, it is, essentially, the art of cozying up and settling in for that proverbial long winter's nap. Here's how.

1 Gather your family

At the essence of hygge is a sense of togetherness. "Hygge is the feeling you have inside when you feel content," says Anya Jensen, a native Dane whose blog, The Hygge Journal, documents her family's life in Copenhagen. "Perhaps you get the kids involved in making dinner. Maybe get the board games out. Turn off your phones and spend some quality time together."

2 Feather your nest

"This time of year is all about layering up with blankets, throws and cushions," says Kayleigh Tanner, who blogs about all things hygge at HelloHygge.com. "I like to think of it as creating a nest. Make some mulled wine, lay on an easy spread of comfort food and spend a few happy hours talking and laughing in the comfort of your own home." Done and done.

3 Soften that lighting!

Now, it's true that hygge is in your heart. And no, you don't need that pricey cashmere throw or farmhouse-chic dinnerware to pull off the aesthetic. But it will require some advanced candle game, the hallmark of hygge. "In Denmark, we always light candles," says Jensen. "It's very dark here during the winter, so we make sure our homes are inviting. Decorate with some pretty branches, fairy lights and pine cones."

Inside what could become Park Ave.'s largest private mansion

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One of Park Avenue's most expensive residential listings has a brand new look.

The owners of the co-op building at 1025 Park Ave., on the market as a prospective conversion to a single-family home, have issued new renderings of the building that show what the historic John Russell Pope-designed property would look like if it were gutted by a new owner.

The Tudor building has been on the market since May with an asking price of $65 million. But so far no one has signed on the dotted line.

The property, built in 1912 for the composer Reginald De Koven, was originally used as a single five-story home totaling 19,000 square feet, the likes of which have become rare along the prestigious avenue.

While it retained most of its original details, including stained glass windows, ornate moldings and 19-foot ceilings, the property was later split into 10 separate units. If it's pieced back together, it could be the largest private mansion on Park Avenue. KATHERINE CLARKE

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Hitting a "rookie wall" is not unusual for young NBA players in their first go-around. GETTY IMAGES

Porzingis, young Knicks insist they haven't hit wall

Slumps happen in the NBA, so the Knicks are not worried about their recent struggles.

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Knicks head coach Derek Fisher said he's not worried about the recent slump of his prized rookie Kristaps Porzingis, nor is he losing sleep about the play of any of the other newbies.

Fresh of a recent West Coast road trip that featured three games in four nights, where the Knicks (11-14) went 1-3, Fisher said the struggles of his neophytes is just life in the NBA — regardless if the player is seasoned or a rookie.

"There are going to be ups and downs during the course of a season, no matter how great the player is," Fisher said, scoffing at the idea that his younger players have already hit that proverbial wall. "You can go to other players around the league, chart their numbers, and you'll find some stretches where their numbers dramatically dip for whatever reason — fatigue, injury, stress. ... The great ones usually come back at some point. I think Kris will be back to his normal levels to what we came to expect soon enough."

Fisher added that more than fatigue, players are playing Porzingis differently, now that there's more tape on him and he's played some teams more than once.

"People are definitely more aware of the things he was doing that made him effective," Fisher noted.

New York is 3-7 in its last 10 games, but that's not an indicator that the rookies are letting down the team and not carrying their weight. Rather, it's a sign that the team as a whole needs to pick up the slack.

Porzingis was scoreless in the team's 112-110 win at Portland, and seemed to have heavy legs. But to him, it was just a matter of the Trail Blazers playing him tough and never allowing him to get comfortable. The same held true with his performances in Sacramento and Utah — with the former possessing a very physical frontcourt and the latter being one of the better all-around defensive squads in the league. The Latvian averaged a paltry 5.7 points and 4.3 rebounds per game, while shooting 24 percent.

The rookie said he's just looking forward to getting back in front of the Garden crowd, to give him and the rest of the team a boost.

"I love playing at the Garden, because it's like a sixth player on the team," he said of Wednesday night's matchup with top pick Karl-Anthony Towns and the Minnesota Timberwolves. "There's so much energy in there. Out of nowhere, you score a layup and they go crazy."

The Knicks' rookies experienced a tough time out west — point guard Jerian Grant more than others, as the former Notre Dame star received the dreaded DNP-CD (did not play, coach's decision) in Portland.

The coach reasoned that getting splinters happens, but added the rookie will need to stay ready, because he'll never know when his number gets called or how big a role he'll play on any given night.

That's just being a professional, Fisher offered.

"I try to stay with what's working on any given night. It's more fair to the team than getting stuck with a particular guy because that's what you normally do. Sometimes it's worked for us. Sometimes it hasn't," Fisher said. "I know as a player, you never wanted to feel like you don't have an opportunity, because everything was already set. Every player should feel like they should be ready every single night."

The second-year coach, who's still feeling his way, pointed to veterans like Derrick Williams, Sasha Vujacic, and Kyle O'Quinn, who've also felt Grant's plight.

"Just stay ready. For your entire career there are going to be these ups and downs that can break you or make you," Fisher said. "When the opportunity comes back around, you capitalize, and that shows a level of professionalism and sustainability that as a young player you have to develop. So there isn't anything he's doing wrong, it's just night to night I'm going with what fits best."

Wednesday could be that time where the rookies bounce back. Porzingis certainly believes so.

"A couple of bad games, it happens to all of us. Not only rookies. I'm just looking forward to the next game," Porzingis said. "So ups and downs [happens]. Obviously this is my rookie season."

Knicks notes

- So far this season, Porzingis is averaging 27.3 minutes, 13.6 points, 8.4 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game during his maiden 25 contests.
- Carmelo Anthony on hitting the rookie wall: "My first day [I felt that wall]. From the minute you step on that court, everything changes from just the way you sleep ... you've got to figure out a routine that works."
- The Knicks' defense has improved drastically from a season ago, as they are currently ranked seventh in field-goal percentage allowed (.431), second in 3-point defense (.308), and 11th in scoring defense (99.2).
- Tuesday is the first day that rookies and free-agent players signed over the summer are eligible to be traded.
- The Knicks will be in the running for point guard help. Memphis point guard Mike Conley and Sacramento's Rajon Rondo are two guys that come to mind when they are both eligible for free agency next summer — provided the team doesn't try and trade for them before the Feb. 18 deadline.
- Knicks GM Steve Mills was with the team during their recent road trip – likely scouting the competition and seeing who he can add and subtract.

NFL power rankings | by Luke Miller

No. 1

Panthers (13-0)

The defense had a statement to make after last week's shootout against New Orleans. Carolina had four takeaways and only 234 allowed yards later, getting the "D" right back on track.

No. 2

Cardinals (11-2)

Make it seven wins in a row for the Cardinals on the back of Carson Palmer and whatever weapons he feels like finding each week. Arizona is cruising toward a first-round bye, but the road there won't be easy.

No. 3

Patriots (11-2)

As good as the Patriots are at overcoming injuries and inserting new cogs into the machine, they are a different team with Rob Gronkowski on the field. Gronk hit both the 1,000-yard and 10-touchdown mark Sunday.

No. 4

Seahawks (8-5)

Thomas Rawls' season-ending injury is bad news, but it just means the passing game can keep shouldering the load. Russell Wilson through the first nine games: 10 touchdowns, seven interceptions.

No. 5

Broncos (10-3)

Denver's drop in the rankings is all thanks to a few pretty bad drops Sunday. And the run game vanishing again. At what point does this defense (which allowed 126 total yards) wonder what exactly they have to do?

No. 6

Packers (9-4)

The Packers got 230 yards on the ground, easily their best performance of the season last week. If they can keep that balance vs. Oakland, Arizona and Minnesota, they may just jump back to elite conversations.

No. 7

Steelers (8-5)

Everything's coming up roses for Pittsburgh; it's easy to forget the season began very differently. A big part of their success has been DeAngelo Williams' ability to replace Le'Veon Bell.

No. 8

Chiefs (8-5)

Week 14 wasn't pretty, but it's still a whole lot prettier than Week's 2 through 7 were for Kansas City. Alex Smith threw his first interception in 312 passes, ending a franchise-record streak.

No. 9

Bengals (10-3)

The loss of Cincy's quarterback throws a wrench into everything the Bengals have worked so hard to maintain this season. Andy Dalton could be back for the playoffs, and winning a bye will mean more time for Dalton to heal.

No. 10

Jets (8-5)

The Jets sure look good when everything is rolling. Harvard product Ryan Fitzpatrick has nine touchdowns and no picks in the Jets' last three games, all victories, and just set a career high for touchdown passes, with 25.

No. 17

Giants (6-7)

Odell Beckham hasn't wasted any time writing his name in the Giants' record book: his sixth-straight 100-yard game was a franchise best streak. New York has tough tests the rest of the way.

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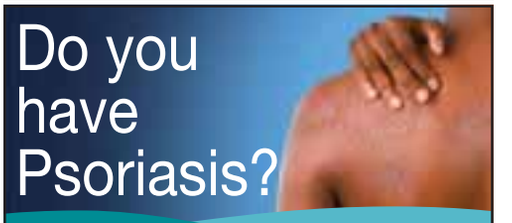

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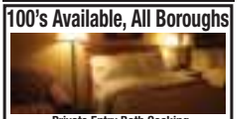

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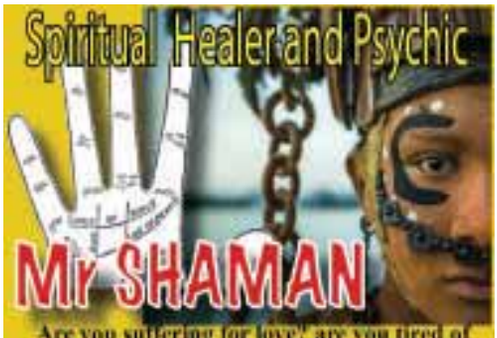

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3. Make plumper
4. Responsibilities
5. Fantasised
5. Itchy rash

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Clues:

1. Moon
2. Uncovered
3. Betrayal
4. Sailors
5. Global
6. Hazardous
7. Subterfuge
8. Annihilated

Take a set of letters from each column and combine them to form a nine-letter answer to each clue. Once finished, the remaining sets of letters will spell out another nine-letter word. This is your answer

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Across

1 Browser's delight
5 Distress acutely
9 Built-up
14 Feverish chill
15 All, in combos
16 Brain surgeon's prefix
17 Farm structure
18 Beethoven was born there
19 Majestic wader
20 Advice
22 Of various sorts
24 Up — — (stumped)
26 Pa Cartwright
27 Red wine
30 Puts out the fire
35 Ibsen's -- Gabler
36 Luncheon salad
37 "She Loves You" refrain
38 Left Bank pal
39 Sage, in India
42 Hail, to Caesar
43 Energize
45 Timber wolf
46 Rented a U-Haul
48 Worth it
50 Affectionate gesture
51 On the — vive
52 Spiral-horned antelope
54 Woke up
58 By oneself
62 Pelts
63 Cyrus' realm, today
65 Point the finger at
66 Run — (go against)
67 Rake
68 Indigo dye
69 — Haute, Ind.
70 Warm greeting
71 Past the deadline

Down

1 Not fem.
2 Exchange premium
3 Humdinger
4 Nimoy or Bernstein
5 Mr. Redford
6 Soap plant
7 TV news source
8 Gentle
9 Odd
10 Furniture style
11 Laird's accent
12 "Iliad" deity
13 Memo
21 Prepare clams
23 Steel girder (hyph.)
25 Even-tempered
27 Grain husks
28 Monkey's cousin
29 Toodle-oo!
31 Golden Rule word
32 Fling
33 Icicle sites
34 Loses one's coat
36 You, once
40 Michael Caine role
41 Fridge maker
44 Cordial
47 Sort of number
49 Fracas
50 Film festival city
53 Maui feasts
54 At the drop of — —
55 Crawling with
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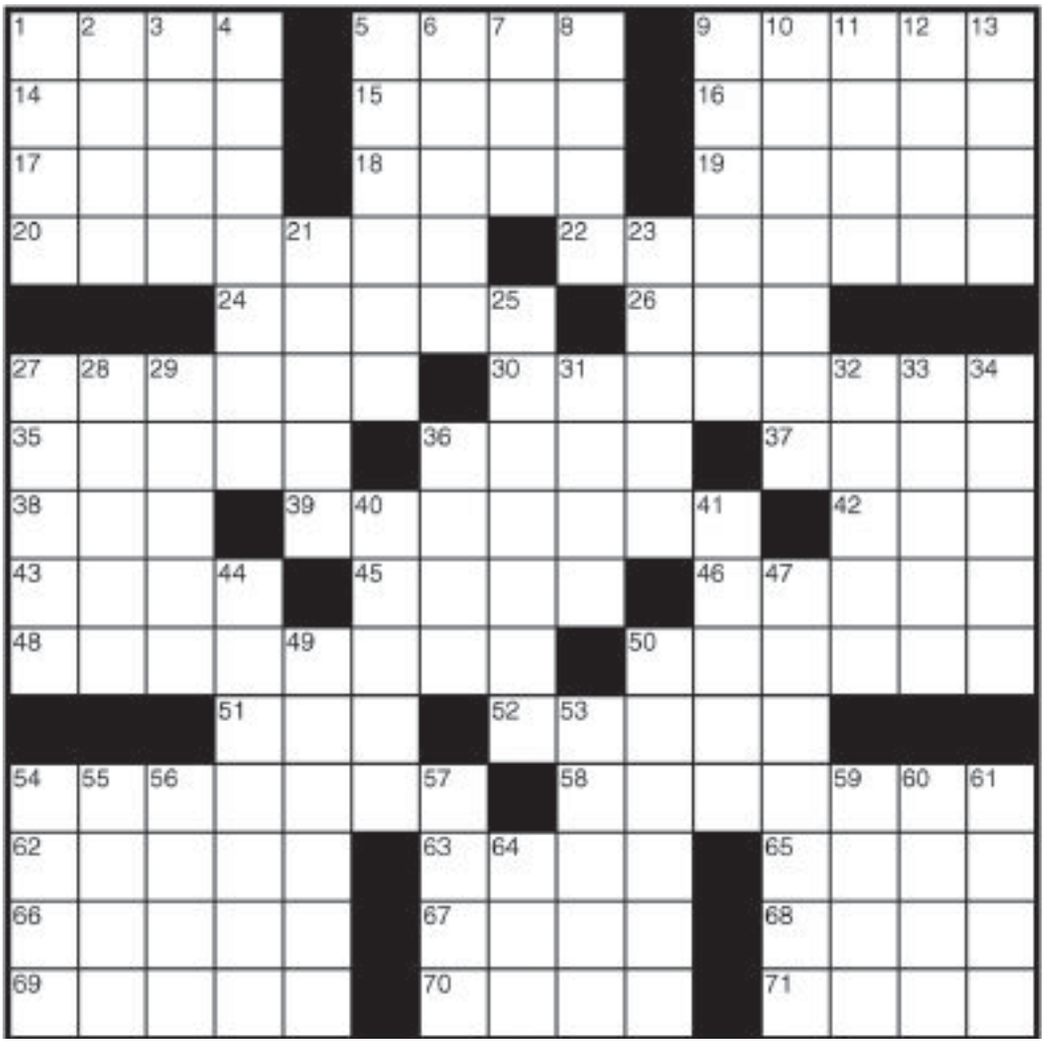

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Aries Money comes and goes. Don't be fooled by promises made about a so-called wonder product. A happy attitude will attract just as much attention.

Taurus Expand your knowledge. Plan a trip and sign up for conferences that will help you get ahead. You will make headway if you sport a healthy outlook.

Gemini Before you go all-out, make concessions to fit your budget. Change is good, but it must be limited to what you can afford.

Cancer A positive outlook will make all the difference in the world when it comes to getting along with others. You will make new friends if you participate.

Leo You can bring about favorable change if you initiate discussions with experienced individuals. Do whatever it takes to improve your health.

Virgo You will find a way to realize your dreams if you keep an eye out for the unusual. Expand your interests and incorporate your ideas and skills.

Libra Don't worry about opposition. Focus on what you want and how you can go about getting it. Embrace change.

Scorpio Keep your emotions in check. Love is in the stars, and a positive change to your standard of living is possible.

Sagittarius What tempts you will not be worth it. Don't plunge into unknown territory without proper research. Change is good, but only if it's realistic.

Capricorn Observe before you act. The way you handle others to please everyone will lead to victory. Don't be afraid to be different.

Aquarius A unique plan of attack will help you clear up any unfinished business. Keeping busy will help you more clearly see emotional situations.

Pisces Double-check any information you are given. Overspending on something you cannot afford will lead to more stress. EUGENIA LAST

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